(b) if so, whether this matter has been discussed with China; and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA): (a) to (c) Yes. India has consistently highlighted to the international community the menace of global terrorism and the imperative of effective international action to combat it. This issue has been discussed with a number of countries including China. Many countries share India's perspective and are supportive of India's efforts.

PM's Visit to Europe

499. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what significant deliberations took place between the various Heads of the Countries during the Prime Minister's recent trip to Europe to improve India's point of view on the Kashmir issue with Pakistan; and

(b) what follow up action is being taken by Government on Prime Minister's point of view that trade barriers between the Countries be removed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA): (a) During Prime Minister's visit to Germany, St. Petersburg and Evian from 27 May—3 June, 2003 his interlocutors were sensitized to our concerns on the need for an immediate cessation of cross border terrorism. There was unanimous appreciation for Prime Minister's peace initiative.

(b) The issue of elimination of trade barriers between countries has been taken up by India in various fora, including of G8 Enlarged Dialogue in Evian.

Membership of UN Security Council

500. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Great Britain have declared their unequivocal support for India's claim for permanent Membership of the expanded United Nations Security Council;